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SUBJECT: CCD 694TH PLENARY MEETING, MARCH 16, 1976

SUMMARY: BULGARIA SPOKE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION,
CHEMICAL WEAPONS, COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, AND
SOVIET PROPOSALS ON NON-USE OF FORCE AND NEW WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION. MONGOLIA OFFERED SIMILAR VIEWS
ON ALL ABOVE ISSUES BUT ENMOD WHICH IT DID NOT DISCUSS.

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END SUMMARY

1. NIKOLOV (BULGARIA) SAID THAT WHILE ORIGINAL 1974 SOVIET DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION HAD "ADVANTAGES" OVER IDENTICAL US-SOVIET DRAFTS, "EVEN IN ITS PRESENT FORM" THE LATTER BASICALLY MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF GREAT NUMBER OF STATES, INCLUDING US AND USSR, "WHICH IS IMPORTANT FACT IN ITSELF."

2. EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER RELATION BETWEEN ENMOD CONVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS OF LAWS OF WAR PROTOCOLS, NIKOLOV SAID IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF CONTRADICTORY OR INCOMPATIBLE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE TWO INSTRUMENTS. HE ALSO QUESTIONED DESIRABILITY OF EXPANDING SCOPE TO PROHIBIT THREAT OF USE AS WELL AS ACTUAL HOSTILE USE OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES, FEARING THAT THIS "MAY BE CONSTRUED AS AN IMPLICIT ADMISSION THAT THESE TERRIBLE MEANS OF WARFARE WILL IN FACT BE DEVELOPED AND INCLUDED IN ARSENALS." HE ALSO DOUBTED THAT ANY STATE THAT RENOUNCED HOSTILE USE OF ENMOD WOULD FIND ANY ADVANTAGE IN THREATENING SUCH USE, AND NOTED THAT THE GENEVA PROTOCOL OF 1925 DID NOT BAN THREATS. NIKOLOV DID NOT CONSIDER IT JUSTIFIED TO MODIFY THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE SET OUT IN DRAFT, SAYING USE OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL HAD BEEN CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY IN THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION AND THUS SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN ENMOD CONTEXT. HE SAID IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO TRY TO INTRODUCE CHANGES IN UN CHARTER PROCEDURES.

3. NIKOLOV EXPRESSED HOPE 1974 US-SOVIET SUMMIT AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER JOINT CW INITIATIVE WOULD BE "CROWNED WITH SUCCESS" BUT AT SAME TIME HE FAILED TO SEE ANY JUSTIFICATION FOR FURTHER DELAYING CCD NEGOTIATIONS ON CW. CCD, HE SAID, SHOQLD CONTINUE CONSIDERATION OF 1972 DRAFT CONVENTION OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, 1970 NONALIGNED MEMORANDUM ON CW, AND 1974 JAPANESE DRAFT CONVENTION. NIKOLOV SAID THAT SINCE US HAD ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE IDEA OF PHASED APPROACH IN SUMMIT STATEMENT, CCD SHOULD "EXPLORE OPTIONS OPEN TO IT." HE SAID BULGARIA, LIKE OTHER SOCIALIST AND NONALIGNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELS, STRONGLY FAVORED COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, BUT IT WAS READY TO CONSIDER OTHER APPROACHES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID "MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE" ON PART OF US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTREIS WOULD BE WELCOMED.

4. NIKOLOV ALSO ENDORSED SOVIET PROPOSALS ON BANNING NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (MDW) AND ON TREATY FOR GENERAL AND COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON

TESTS. HE SUPPORTED BREZHNEV CALL FOR TREATY ON NON-USE OF FORCE (NUF). CHANNLENGING US POSITION ON VERIFICATION OF A CTB, HE QUOTED 1973 STATEMENT BY SENATOR MUSKIE THAT IN VIEW OF SEISMIC ADVANCES US POSITION REQUIRING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS "RESTS ON EXTREMELY WEAK GROUNDS."

5. DUGERSUREN (MONGOLIA), REGRETTING ABSENCE OF JOINT US-SOVIET CCD INITIATIVE ON CW, SAID "LOGIC" SUGGESTS THAT "THE SIDE THAT WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH" HAS AN OBLIGATION TO TRY TO FIND MEANS OF PROMOTING REALIZATION OF THIS INITIATIVE. LACK OF PROGRESS, HE ADDED, MADE IT NECESSARY FOR CCD TO REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS AND CONCENTRATE ON CW PROHIBITION DURING 1976. HE SUPPORTED, IN THIS CONNECTION, PROPOSAL TO CONVENE INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS DURING SUMMER SESSION.

6. DUGERSUREN ALSO ENDORSED SOVIET POSITIONS ON MDW, NUF, AND PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. HE SAID NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE HAD DEMONSTATED VALIDITY OF THAT TREATY, BUT NOTED NON-ADHERENCE OF TWO NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES AND MAY NEAR-NUCLEAR STATES, SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT JAPAN WOULD COMPLETE RATIFICATION IN NEAR FUTURE. HE THOUGHT UNGA COULD ADOPT SPECIAL DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING NONPROLIFERATION REGIME THAT WOULD, INTER ALIA, ADDRESS URGENT APPEAL TO NON-PARTIES TO JOIN NPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DUGERSUREN SAID MONGOLIA WAS AWARE PNES ARE MORE LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO BOTH VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION THAN TO BRING TANGIBLE BENEFITS FOR PEACEFUL USES. HENCE, HE SAID, PNE BENEFITS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. CLARK (NIGERIA) REQUESTED THAT SECRETARIAT REPRODUCE IN SINGLE DOCUMENT ALL PROPOSALS CONCERNING CTB AND CW MADE IN COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO HELP PREPARATIONS FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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